



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 10/044,701 Confirmation No. 7952  
Applicant : Hans-Ueli Roeck  
Filed : November 9, 2001  
TC/A.U. : 2644  
Examiner : PING LEE  
Title : METHOD FOR OPERATING A HEARING DEVICE AS  
WELL AS A HEARING DEVICE

Docket No. : 34152  
Customer No. : 000116

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria VA 22313-1450

**Amendment "E"**

Sir:

The three month period for responding to the Office action mailed May 3, 2006 ended on August 3, 2006. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests and petitions for a three month extension of time, up to and including November 3, 2006, to respond to this Office action. The \$1,020 three month extension of time fee is included as part of the enclosed \$1,810 check for the extension fee and the fee for filing the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE). In response to the Office action of May 3, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

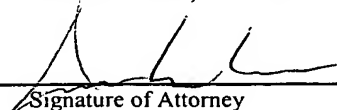
**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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Signature of Attorney

November 2, 2006

Date